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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher and the Federal Bureau of Investigation announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release: The Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Judge in Lincoln, Nebraska, on March 18, 2009, sentenced Clifford Shafer to 100 months imprisonment following his conviction for distribution of methamphetamine and two counts of possession of a firearm by a prohibited person. On May 7, 2008 and May 8, 2008, Shafer sold firearms to an informant who was working with the police. On May 8, 2008, Shafer also sold the informant methamphetamine. Shafer was indicted in September of 2008. Shafer plead guilty on December 30, 2008 and he was sentenced on March 18, 2008.

Name of Defendant: Clifford Shafer

AKA:

Age: 25

City of Residence: Alda, NE

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty: Count I: Distribution of methamphetamine - 0 to 20 years imprisonment, up to a \$1,000,000 fine, 3 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment. Counts II and III: Possession of a firearm by a prohibited person - 0 to 10 years imprisonment, up to \$250,000 fine, 3 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Grand Island, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: N/A

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: .34 grams of methamphetamine

Others Charged in Same Scheme: None

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: Count I - May 8, 2008; Count II - May 7, 2008; Count III - May 8, 2008.

Federal Arrest Date: September, 2008

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: 09/16/08

Initial Appearance Date: 09/24/2008

Plea or Trial and Date(s): 12/30/08

Sentencing Date: 03/18/09

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: David Piester

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Held without bond.

In Continuous Custody Since: September, 2008.

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard Kopf

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